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SUBJECT: MBFR: LINK BETWEEN PHASES: SPC DISCUSSION MAY 30 OF
ASSURANCES TO THE OTHER SIDE

REF: A) USNATO 2581; B) USNATO 2740; C) STATE 110820

SUMMARY: SPC ON MAY 30 MADE PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON
GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP ON ASSURANCES TO THE OTHER SIDE, AS
CANADA ANNOUNCED IT COULD NOW ACCEPT ANY OF PRESENT FORMULATIONS
(U.S., GERMAN AND BELGIAN). HOWEVER, CANADA PREFERRED ITS OWN
FORMULATION, WHICH U.S. AND UK REPS CRITICIZED. U.S. REP DREW
FROM GUIDANCE TO REPLY TO PREVIOUS BELGIAN REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES
THAT THE U.S. WOULD ALSO REDUCE IN PHASE II. END SUMMARY

1. CANADIAN REP ANNOUNCED AT SPC MAY 30 THAT AS A RESULT OF
CABINET MEETING, CANADA COULD NOW ACCEPT ANY OF THE PRESENT
FORMULATIONS IN DRAFT SECTION IV (ASSURANCES TO THE OTHER SIDE)
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OF NAC GUIDANCE TO AHG. THIS INCLUDED U.S. AND GERMAN FORMULATIONS
(REF A) AND BELGIAN FORMULATION (REF B).

2. HOWEVER, CANADA PREFERRED FOLLOWING TEXT:

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BEGIN TEXT:

"AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE COURSE OF FIRST
PHASE NEGOTIATIONS, THE ALLIES WOULD COLLECTIVELY
EXPRESS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES UNDER
THE TERMS OF A SECOND PHASE AGREEMENT. THIS EXPRESSION
OF WILLINGNESS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE EMBODIED IN A JOINT
STATEMENT OR DECLARATION TO BE MADE OR ISSUED
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE CONCLUSION OF A SATISFACTORY
FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE BY THE
WARSAW PACT OF THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT.SUCH A
STATEMENT OR DECLARATION WOULD BE MADE IN A MANNER
WHICH WOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE THE ALLIANCE'S RIGHT
TO APPORTION REDUCTIONS AMONG INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES
SUBSCRIBING TO IT."

END TEXT

3. CANADIAN REP THOUGHT THIS TEXT HAD THE MERIT OF Q) LENDING ITSELF
TO IMMEDIATE USE IF AHG JUDGED THIS ADVISABLE; W) NOT BINDING ANY
NATION AT THIS TIME; AND 3) RESPONDING TO WP QUESTIONS RE
WILLINGNESS OF NON-U.S. NATO COUNTRIES TO REDUCE FORCES. AT
PRESENT, THIS FORMULATION IS SUFFICIENT, ALTHOUGH CANADA MIGHT
WISH TO DEVELOP IT MORE. BY "ALLIES" CANADA MEANT DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS.

4. U.S. REP NOTED U.S. HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED A PREFERENCE FOR
TREATY PROVISION ON ASSURANCES, BUT IS WILLING NOT TO
SPECIFY FORM OF ASSURANCES INNATO FORMULATION AT THIS TIME, AND
HAS SUBMITTED DRAFT FORMULATION WHICH DOES NOT DO SO (FIRST
PARA, SECTION IV). HE ADDED
THAT THE PHRASE THE "ALLIES WOULD COLLECTIVELY EXPRESS THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE" WOULD CASUE DIFFICULTIES, SINCE THE ISSUE
WAS WHETHER NON-U.S. FORCES ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE. UK REP SAID
THAT HE DOUBTED THE CANADIAN FORMULATION WENT BEYOND WHAT AHG HAS
ALREADY SAID TO WG. U.S. REP CONCURRED, AND URGED A SPECIFIC
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FORMULATION SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY U.S.

5. UK REP HAD STILL NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON RE
UK PARTICIPATION INASSURANCES.

6. U.S. REP MADE POINTS IN REF C, IN RESPONSE TO BELGIAN REQUEST
(REF B) FOR ASSURANCES THAT U.S. WOULD ALSO REDUCE IN PHASE II.
BELGIAN REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY U.S. REMARKS.

7 SPC WILL AGAIN CONSIDER SECTION IV JUNE 4.

8. CANADIAN MISSION OFFICER INFORMED US MAY 31 THAT CANADIAN
MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED OFFICIAL MEMO ON CABINET DECISION. HE

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SAID THIS MEMO CONFIRMS THAT CANADA IS WILLING TO REDUCE IN PHASE II. HE SAID THAT CANADA'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT U.S. OR GERMAN FORMULATIONS MADE THIS CLEAR, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CANADA'S OWN FORMULATION DID NOT.
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